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# Panther Sports News

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(Editor's note - The following are football hometown wrapups on Eastern Illinois University defensive secondary.)

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's football Panthers finished the 1984 campaign with a seventh straight winning season by once again obliterating the record book.

EIU finished 6-5 and won three of its last four games by averaging 30 points and nearly 400 yards passing in that stretch. Eastern set 17 individual records, six team marks and tied two others. The Panthers also tied Northern Iowa for the Mid-Continent Conference title, the fifth straight year EIU has either won or shared the MCC championship.

Defensive backs who have contributed to the team's success are:

REGGIE DREW (Mascoutah-Triton JC), 6-1, 180, senior free safety, was chosen Second Team All-Mid-Continent Conference, and earned his third letter starting eight of the 11 games . . . was fourth on the team with 84 total tackles . . . had three pass interceptions, two tackles for loss and two forced fumbles . . . he was the 'secondary player of the week' three times.

JERRY JACKSON (Vicksburg, MS-Hinds JC), 5-9, 180, junior cornerback, was one of four defensive players to start all 11 games . . . had 45 tackles, two tackles for loss and broke up three passes.

BOB BRONAUGH (Rantoul), 5-10, 195, sophomore strong safety, took over as the starting strong safety replacing the injured Dan Fallon in the sixth game of the season . . . was the team's 7th leading tackler with 46 tackles, had two pass interceptions, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery . . . was the team's secondary 'player of the week' one time.

BRIAN NEWBY (Chicago-Simeon), 6-0, 185, junior cornerback, was sidelined the first part of the year with a separated shoulder but returned to the starting lineup for the final four games getting 21 tackles, three pass interceptions, a forced fumble and knocked down six passes.

JAMES BOYD (Santa Ana, CA-Santa Ana CC), 5-11, 165, junior cornerback, started six games this fall and was picked the conference 'defensive player of the week' against Northern Iowa when he intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble . . . altogether he led the team with four pass interceptions, six passes broken up, a fumble recovery and a blocked PAT.

BARRY GRAVENHORST (Effingham), 5-9, 170, freshman safety, was used primarily as a kick returner . . . he led the team with 14 kickoff returns for a 24.3 average, which is ranked No. 11 in the nation . . . his longest return was for 39 yards . . . saw limited action on specialty teams coming up with nine tackles.

ERIC LANDSTROM (Wheaton-Central), 5-11, 170, freshman free safety, was used as the alternate kickoff returner . . . appearing in all 11 games, he returned 10 kickoffs for 21.0 average . . . 24 yards was his longest . . . he also started three games at safety, and had 30 total tackles with a fumble recovery.